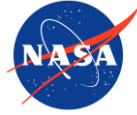


1. Which space agency launched Baby Squids into space for experimental purposes?

- A) ISRO
B) ESA
C) ROSCOSMOS
D) NASA



- ✓ American space agency NASA has sent a few numbers of squids into space for experimental and research purposes. These Hawaiian bobtail squids were raised at the University of Hawaii – Kewalo Marine Laboratory and have been sent to space in a SpaceX resupply mission to the International Space Station.

2. India has recently signed a MoU with which country, in the field of agriculture and allied sectors?

- A) Malaysia
B) Fiji
C) Australia
D) South Africa



- ✓ The Government of India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors with the government of Fiji, in a virtual mode.
✓ The MoU aims to increase the cooperation of both the countries in Dairy Industry, Rice Industry, Root crop diversification, Water Resources Management, Coconut Industry, etc.

3. In which Indian state the field trials of the world's first genetically modified (GM) rubber has commenced?

- A) Kerala
B) Karnataka
C) Assam
D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ The Rubber Board of India has launched the field trials of the world's first genetically modified (GM) rubber in Rubber Board's Sarutari research farm – Guwahati, Assam.
✓ This variant has been developed by the Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII) in Puthuppally, Kottayam, Kerala. The Government of Kerala had earlier denied the field trials of GM crops in the state.

4. Which is the only state to have all three species of crocodiles?

- A) Kerala
B) Bihar
C) Odisha
D) West Bengal



- ✓ Odisha has recently witnessed the first natural nesting of gharials. With this, it has become the only state to have all the three species of the reptile: freshwater gharials, muggers, and saltwater crocodiles.
✓ Gharials were first introduced in 1975 in Odisha. They are considered as the most critically endangered and genetically weak species, compared to saltwater crocodiles and muggers.

5. What type of satellite is 'Copernicus Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich, which was making news recently?

- A) Ocean Observing Satellite
B) Communication Satellite
C) Remote Sensing Satellite
D) Navigation Satellite



- ✓ The Copernicus Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich was launched in November 2020. It is an Ocean-Observing Satellite, dedicated to measuring sea-level rise. After six months of calibration works, the satellite has recently started functioning.
✓ It was a mission of the European Union, being implemented along with ESA, NASA and CNES French Agency. The Copernicus Sentinel-6B satellite will be launched in 2025.

6. When is the World Olympic Day celebrated every year?

- A) June.23
B) June.24
C) June.25
D) June.26



- ✓ Every year, the 23rd of June is celebrated as the World Olympic Day or International Olympic Day across the globe.
✓ This day was first introduced in the year 1948, to commemorate the birth of the modern Olympic Games on June 23, 1894, at the Sorbonne in Paris. This day aims to promote participation in sport across the globe irrespective of age, gender, or athletic ability.

7. Which organization has released the "Suicide Worldwide 2019" report?

- A) WHO
B) UN
C) UNICEF
D) Amnesty International



- ✓ Recently, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has released a report titled "Suicide Worldwide 2019". As per the report 7 lakh people die due to suicide every year. The report reveals that nearly 77% of global suicides occur in low- and middle-income countries and suicide is the fourth leading cause of death in 15-19-year-olds.

8. Guillain-Barre Syndrome is reported to be associated with which vaccine?

- A) AstraZeneca-Oxford Vaccine
B) Covaxin
C) Sputnik
D) Sinovac



- ✓ Guillain-Barre Syndrome is a rare neurological disorder, in which the body's immune system attacks its own protective coatings on nerve fibres. This syndrome was first reported in Europe and the UK among some patients who undertook AstraZeneca-Oxford Covid-19 vaccine, but such a probability is found to be small.
✓ The syndrome may start with extreme weakness that can eventually paralyse the entire body. The vaccine is traded as Covishield in India, which also reported some cases.

9. What is the turnover limit of small and medium companies, as per the definition issued by the Corporate Affairs Ministry?

- A) Rs 50 crore
B) Rs 100 crore
C) Rs 250 crore
D) Rs 500 crore



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs has enlarged and expanded the definition of small and medium companies (SMC). As per the new definition, small and medium companies are unlisted entities which are not banks, financial institutions or insurance firms.

- ✓ They should have a turnover of up to Rs 250 crore and borrowings up to Rs 50 crore in the immediately preceding accounting year.

10. Which organization has released the report titled World Drug Report 2021?

- A) OECD
- B) IMF
- C) UNODC
- D) UNICEF



- ✓ World Drug Report 2021 has been released by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The report states that 275 million people used drugs worldwide in the year 2020 and that 36 million people suffered from drug use disorders.
- ✓ The report further reveals that, in the last 24 years, the cannabis potency has increased by about 4 times.